

Listing of Claims

Please cancel claims 37, 39-47, 50, and 53.

Please amend claims 51 and 54 as follows:

Claims 1 - 50 (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a separately exchangeable ostomy sealing member in a body side member, said sealing member having balanced plastic and elastic properties and including an inner rim that defines a first hole for accommodating a stoma, a first moisture-absorbing adhesive surface adapted for securing the sealing member to an ostomate's abdomen and for receiving secretions from the stoma, and a second surface facing away from the user, a central part of the second surface of said sealing member surrounding said first hole being provided with a hydrophobic adhesive layer compatible with the first adhesive surface of the adhesive wafer and having an adhesive upper surface covered by a release liner provided as a separator sheet that is covered by a carrier sheet, said carrier sheet having a weakening zone defining a central part of said carrier sheet that is positioned over said separator sheet and that is removable separately while a remainder of said carrier sheet including an inner rim thereof remains in place to allow the separator sheet to be removed to expose the adhesive upper surface of said hydrophobic adhesive layer, the method comprising:

- a) locating the stoma and aligning the stoma and a second stoma-accommodating hole of the body side member and placing the body side member on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the second hole;
- b) removing the release liner from said adhesive upper surface of the hydrophobic adhesive layer;
- c) enlarging the first hole of the sealing member by rolling the inner rim of the hole of the sealing member toward an outer perimeter of the sealing member;
- d) adapting the first hole of the sealing member to the size of the stoma;
- e) adhering the first adhesive surface to the hydrophobic adhesive layer of the second surface of the sealing member;

- f) aligning the stoma and the second hole of the ostomy sealing member;
and
g) placing the sealing member in the second hole of the body side member
on the abdomen of the ostomate with the stoma projecting into the first hole.

52 - 53 (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) The body side member as claimed in claim 53-51
wherein an outer edge of said separator sheet extends under the inner rim of said carrier sheet,
said separator sheet including a weakening zone that defines a central part of said separator sheet
that can be removed separately while said separator sheet outer edge remains in place under said
carrier sheet inner rim.

55. (Previously Presented) The body side member as claimed in claim 54 wherein
said weakening zones are defined by cuts in said sheets.

56-59. (Cancelled)

60. (Previously Presented) An ostomy appliance body side member comprising:
an adhesive wafer extending between an outer rim and an inner rim
defining a hole for accommodating a stoma and including a first adhesive surface
attachable to a user's skin and a second adhesive surface opposite the first adhesive
surface;
a removable release liner disposed over a portion of the second adhesive
surface; and
a carrier sheet disposed on the second adhesive surface over at least a
portion of the removable release liner, a portion of the carrier sheet removable to expose
a portion of the second adhesive surface and leave a remainder of the carrier sheet in
place;

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wherein the hole for accommodating the stoma is enlarged by rolling the inner rim of the adhesive wafer toward the outer rim and adhering the first adhesive surface to the exposed portion of the second adhesive surface.